

Page 1, line 6, please replace the paragraph with the following:

A³ --A conventional fluid filter is shown and described in Utility Model application
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Page 1, line 13, insert the following title: **"Summary of the Invention"**.

A⁴ Page 1, lines 19-20, please delete this sentence.

Page 3, line 9, insert the following title: **"Brief Description of the Drawings"**.

A⁵ Page 3, line 25, please insert the following title: **"Description of Illustrated
Embodiment"**.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-5, and add new claims 6-9 as follows.

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1. (Amended) A fluid filter, comprising a filter housing, a central, approximately tubular component which extends into the interior of the filter, said central component being disposable in an operating position by engaging a projection on the filter housing and being permanently retained in the filter housing, said component being detachable from said projection in a disassembly position such that said component is nondestructively removable from the filter, wherein the component is mounted rotatably around a longitudinal axis in the filter housing, and a retaining component arranged in a rotationally restricted manner within the filter housing, said retaining component being arranged to surround and fix the central component by an interference fit so as not to rotate in the operating position, the central component being rotatable into the disassembly position when the clamping force of the interference fit is exceeded.